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From the Dog Days of August to Rally Day, September 8—Be There!!!

Dear Friends,

On Sunday September 8 churches across the land will be gathering after summer vacations and respites for what is commonly known as "Rally Day". On that day, at University Presbyterian Church, we will welcome the choir back to the chancel, and each other back in the pews and catch up in the Fellowship Room following worship (for the start-up of weekly coffee hour) from our summer adventures and travels.

September will also mark the start of an adult education series following worship in the meeting area at the back of the Fellowship Room. The Worship and Education Committee is planning month long series of adult education through December. The Committee will meet in August to complete the planning and will announce the programs for the fall in a special congregation-wide email.

In case you were not in church on Sunday July 14 a special congregational meeting was held that the session called for the purpose of electing two more members of the Pastor Nominating Committee. The original PNC had seven members and some concerns were expressed, given the arduous work that a search for a pastor entails, to add two more members to the PNC. The Nominating Committee proposed Priscilla Maddock and Howard

Henry to be elected to make the number of committee members nine. Those members present enthusiastically voted for these two well-known church members.

The next steps for the PNC will be to meet with the Presbytery (of Western New York) representative for an orientation to the process of searching for a pastor and first steps related to posting the position on the national church website. Please keep our PNC in your prayers—that they will be led to the clergy person “out there” in the wider church who is the perfect match to lead UPC in its next chapter of life and ministry.

Summer is not over, of course, and there are some mid/late summer congregation events in the planning stages—opportunities to be with friends in this glorious season in our beautiful part of the creation. Shakespeare in the Park, Chautauqua, a BPO outdoor performance...keep on the lookout. We'll get the word out via Sunday morning announcements, emails and word of mouth.

In the meantime, on behalf of the church staff and session enjoy the beauty of the earth and the wonder of human relationships.

All good wishes,

Tom, Interim Pastor

Worship Column

August 4, 2024

11th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12;
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29;
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 11, 2024

12th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;
1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 18, 2024

13th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Proverbs 9:1-6;
Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 25, 2024

14th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8(1,6, 10-11), 22-30k 41-43; Psalm 84
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20;
John 6:56-69



Happy August Birthdays to ...

1	Tina Burker	19	Priscilla Maddock
2	Addie Fisher	27	Brendan Omicioli
3	John Swaine	30	Bina Patel
3	Gregory White		
4	Matt Smith		
5	Chinomnso Awazie		
10	Nadeem Patel		
12	Vicki Moorhouse		
13	Val Macer		
14	Amy Erickson		
14	Sharon Melius		
16	Emery Morrissey		
18	Barbara Kraemer		



What's Happening in.....

August

August 1	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
August 3	Saturday	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
August 4	Sunday	10:30 am	Worship Service
August 6	Tuesday	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Open Shakespeare in the Park
August 8	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
August 11	Sunday	10:30 am	Worship Service
August 13	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
August 14	Wednesday	11:00 am 5:30 pm	Personnel Meeting Property Committee
August 15	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
August 18	Sunday	10:30 am	Worship Service
August 20	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
August 21	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Session
August 22	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
August 25	Sunday	10:30 am 11:30 am	Worship Service Friendship Time & Birthday Cake
August 27	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
August 29	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open



Thank You to Our Pastoral Nominating Committee

It is with great joy that I announce the members of the pastoral nominating search committee. This eye-opening experience of being a part of the work involved in hiring a new minister has given me a new appreciation of the job to find the right candidate for the calling. It's not like finding a new employee in the business world. Since Tracy's departure the church members have been busy just getting the preliminary work done to make our outreach to the pastoral community across the country in hopes of finding the right fit for UPC.

It is with deep gratitude that we thank Chinomnso Awazie, Pat Cookfair-Casseri, Gladys Gifford, Howard Henry, Cindy Hickey, Priscilla Maddock, Amy Maundrell, Matt Smith, and Craig Steger. We had to find a group that was representative of who we are as a congregation, and I'm very pleased with the volunteers who agreed to take on this calling.

This work will affect the church for many years in the future, so it's important to do this search thoroughly and thoughtfully. We were blessed to have Tracy for 20 plus years and hopefully we'll be able to do the same with our next minister. God bless our PNC to lean into and listen to God's individual messages of wisdom and hope in order to make a decision that will be inspirational for years to come.

Amy Erickson



Come Join Us for Shakespeare in the Park

We have an opportunity to see Pat Cookfair-Casseri's daughter, Heather in the play Comedy of Errors by William Shakespeare. We will go as a group from our church if you're interested in joining us. It's free but it would be appreciated if you contribute to a free will offering during intermission when they pass the hat. If you've never attended one of these, it's a magical approach to the drama and wit of Shakespeare. You bring your chair, and any other lawn furniture you might like to use, as well as snacks and a beverage of your choice. The production begins at 7 pm and they advise arriving a half hour prior to starting time. I've attended this event before and you might like to make it earlier to get a good seat. The date for this is August 6, Tuesday, with a rain date of August 8. So, join us for an evening of theater in Delaware Park. We will meet at the park and sit together in a group. For more information you can call Amy Erickson at (716) 480 4591, or email amyhoechst@yahoo.com.

UPC CONGREGATION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROUS GIFT AND
FRIENDSHIP. YOU ARE A VERY
SPECIAL GROUP. I WILL
NEVER FORGET YOUR LOVING
KINDNESS. I ENJOYED MY TIME
AT UPC.

DAVID

...for being so nice!

*Grace is the absolute goodness of God poured generously upon you
with kindness to heal your wounds...
with power to renew your strength...
with hope to restore your soul...
with love to make your life new.*